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Florida (Sara De Sota Pageant)

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SARASOTA ADDS NEGRO CHILDREN TO BABY PARADE

SARASOTA, Feb. 12.—(Special)—For the first time in the history of the Sara De Sota Pageant, which begins next Monday and continues through Saturday, Negro youngsters will participate in the famed children's parade the afternoon of Feb. 22, Murray Kesten, general parade chairman, announced today. (19) (F4)

The "baby" parade, since the inception of the pageant, has been one of the outstanding features and has brought more visitors to the city than any other of the events of pageant week.

Any youngster between the ages 6 months and 12 years is eligible to participate. The Negro children will have a section of their own in the parade.

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Georgia

White, Negro Exhibits Lauded At Cuthbert Fair

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Constitution State News Service.

CUTHBERT, Nov. 2—First honors at the Randolph County Fair held in Cuthbert went to Shellman for both the white and Negro community exhibits. Pachitla community placed second and Coleman third in white exhibits. Carnegie and Randolph County Training School was runner-up to the Negro exhibits of Shellman.

An outstanding exhibit of Shellman was a farm home layout in miniature complete with house, barn, cattle, pasture and food crops on display.

The Cuthbert PTA sold hamburgers and other foods on the midway. The booths were under the supervision of Mrs. Wallace Sheffield.

Lamps, quilts, and rugs made of corn shucks were a highlight of the Negro exhibits.

The Future Farmers of America took a prominent part in the Fair and walked away with many prizes for their various agricultural projects.

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Louisiana

New Orleans Site For First Southern Negro State Fair

Informer, 10-11-47

Houston, Texas

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Announcement of the First South Louisiana Colored Fair to be held at Lincoln Beach in Little Woods November 10-17 was made this week. 10-11-47

Plans are in the making for a mammoth display featuring the achievements of Negroes in every avenue of endeavor in this section. Educational business, professional, church, civic and labor groups will participate in the week's program, it was stated.

A 1947 Tudor Ford Sedan will be given away to the holder of the lucky ticket purchased for entrance to the fair. 10-11-47

Pageants, contests and other special events will be sponsored each day, with the full facilities of Lincoln Beach being given to the various activities.

The fair was first announced at the Ninth Annual North-South [illegible] Sunday where the new Ford car to be given away was displayed. Ernest Wright, Director of the People's Defense League and civic and labor leader purchased the first admittance ticket which also entitles the holder to a free chance on the Ford Sedan.

For further information contact the promotion headquarters, 1245 Dryades street. Phone, Canal 3765

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Louisiana (Mardi Gras)

3-Fold Program

Mardi Gras Will Drop Zulu Parade

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sat.

NEW ORLEANS—(ANP) — According to announcements of O. C. W. Taylor, executive secretary of the New Orleans Mardi Gras Association, the city this year is to get far away from its usual bawdy celebration of mardi gras as characterized by the much controversial Zulu parade. 12-27-47

The association, headed by Joseph P. Geddes, is this year celebrated with a three-fold program. They plan a modern parade and already floats are being constructed in accordance with designs of a local artist, Numa Rousseve, faculty member of Xavier University.

FREE PARTY 12-27-47

Part two of their program calls for a children's Mardi Gras party free to all of the children of the city with souvenirs. At this party all of the kings and queens from the various schools are assembled and a pair of rulers selected by lot to rule over the assembly. Also at this party the miniature mardi gras parades from the various schools assemble and pass in review.

Part three consists of an annual charity ball given this year on Jan. 3, called "king's night" in New Orleans. The proceeds of this ball are always given to charity. A prominent man and woman will this year be chosen king and queen to reign over the first annual Mardi Gras parade. This parade will be held on the Monday prior to Mardi Gras.

Negro Fair

To The News and Courier:

Fourteen years ago the late Samuel Gaillard Stoney, then president of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, along with Mr. Frampton, invited Samuel Faber to view the exhibits at the white fair. After his visit he made arrangements with the officials to invite a group of colored farmers to see the display of farm products with the hope that their visit to the fair would serve to encourage increased production by Negro farmers.

Out of this visit came the idea of organizing the Colored Agricultural Fair association, and, with the able assistance of Mr. Samuel G. Stoney, Mr. Frampton, Mrs. C. P. McGowan, Mrs. Albert Simons, Miss Frost and the late Dr. Wilson, the association was set up, chartered by the state as an educational and industrial institution, non-profit making.

Because there was never a fee charged for entering the fair, only through cash donations and a percentage of the carnival was there any cash income. Many times there was a deficit. Because of the interest shown, the need for a home demonstration agent was encouraged, and, with the cooperation of white officials this came to pass. Later on the farm demonstration agent was asked for and I am happy to say this position was also created in Charleston county.

I am by no means saying that these agencies are not doing a commendable job, but I am contending that there is no need for a separate fair but that all agencies and institutions should join in with the Fair Association and make what they now have what they think it should be.

While I am a member of two local affiliations, I speak only for myself.

For many years the schools of the city and county cooperated 100 per cent; why discourage them now, would someone tell me?

ALBERT W. HUNT.

[illegible] Race street.

Negro Fair Attendance Sets Record

Officials at the Negro state fair were pleased by the good weather that made it possible for an attendance record for Big Thursday to reach a new all time high. If it continues, High School Day today will break all records for fair week attendance.

Carnival exhibits and grandstand attractions excelled all previous showings and the 43rd annual State Colored Fair association set another high standard in entertainment and education.

Exhibits and livestock buildings were centers of interest for the milling crowds that toured them long into the night. An artistic flower and plant display greeted the visitors to the big half acre building. All around they saw blue ribbons and other premium winners in general, individual, church, Home Demonstration and community displays.

Grandstand entertainment this year was the best ever presented by fair officials. The Manhattan Follies supplemented by hoop and juggling acts gave two performances daily for the grandstand show, Harrison Greater Shows with 130 concessions, numerous rides and shows and spectacular free acts were better than ever.

Benedict-Claflin's Big Thursday classic topped all athletic events for thrilling and breath-taking football action.

Today two high spirited elevens take the spotlight and furnish the chills for 10,000 fans and fairgoers.

Saturday officials will check up, release exhibits, pay premiums and the carnical will pull up Saturday night to close a gala week of entertainment and education.

South Carolina Fair Proves Attraction To Large Crowd

COLUMBIA, S. C. — More than fifty thousand fair goers passed through the gates at the state fairgrounds to witness the best exhibits of farm products and livestock and enjoy the carnival and entertainment ever to be found in the 43 years history of the State Colored Fair Associations. The six-day exposition ended Nov. 1.

Officials of the South Carolina State Colored Fair said that exhibitors tried to bring to the fair the best that has been produced in farm and home and received more than 300 premiums totaling $3,000. The half acre exhibit building was filled with displays artistically placed in individual booths and center aisles.

The cattle and hog show was the center of interest to farmers and buyers in the livestock buildings. Farmers, 4-H clubs, vocational agricultural extension and future farmers of America heard experts in agricultural education on Wednesday. The home demonstration division of South Carolina had displays from Richland county that represented the best workmanship in handicraft, art and community enterprise.

Winners in a judging contest of beef, cattle and hogs were: first place, Wesley Croy, Pickens County Training School, and Barnard McKennie, Webber High School, Eastover, and second place, Arthur Stephens, New Bethel School, and Titus Fleming, Webber High School, Eastover, and third place, Jessie Scott, Webber High School, Eastover, and George Allen, Springtown High School, Smoals, S. C.

Benedict-Claflin football game on Thursday and the Nather-Booker Washington High School battle on Friday were thrillers for a record attendance of fairgoers for the two big days.

On the midway were 130 concessions, numerous rides, shows and spectacular free acts that were brought by Harrison's Greater Shows.

Cotton-Makers Jubilee Association Names Its Board Of Directors

(19 World Memphis, Tenn. Fri. 1-17-47)

Surging rapidly forward in the formulation of plans for 1947 the Memphis Cotton Makers Jubilee Association, promoters of the Negro phase of the Memphis Cotton Carnival, took another step with the naming of this year's Board of Directors, during a meeting held at Beale Avenue Auditorium last Monday night.

A cross-section of the city's leading business and professional leaders was selected for membership on the Board. Also, chairman of committees to head-up the Jubilee activities for this Spring were selected. With Dr. B. F. McCleaves, president of the Association, presiding more than a score of persons were present at the meeting held Monday night, and took part in the discussion of plans for the "biggest and best Jubilee in the history of the event."

Dr. R. Q. Venzon, founder of the Jubilee and an official of the organization, outlined the plans for carrying out this year's theme, "King Cotton At Home" ..... a theme designed to depict reconversion activities of the cotton country. Mrs. Ethel Venson and Mrs. Allura Stams.

It was pointed out that membership on the Board of Directors is still open for nominations, with special provisions being made that try following the greatest war in history.

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Members of the Board of Directors including the following well-known Memphians: Prof. E. T Hunt Prof. J. A. Hayes, Walter Pamphlett, Roosevelt Hicks, Robert Morris, Lt. G. W. Lee, "Flash" Gordon, Dr. S. B Hickman, W. F Nabors, Henry Hooks, John Arnold Robert Henry, Prof. J. D Springer, Prof. Edwin Jones, Maceo Walker, Dr. Colmer Taylor, Prof. W. T. McDaniels, Prof. Booth, Sam Qualls, Jr., S. S. Lewis Jr., T. C. D. Hayes, Lou Johnson, L. O. Swingler, Colorado Johnson, Sam E. Brown, Dr. W. H. Young, Dr. W. S. Martin, Dr. B. Martin, C. R. Lawrence, C. R. Tokes, Dr. A. N Kittrelle, W. T Prather, Dr. W. T. Scruggs, J. F Brittenum, Irby Fogleman, Joseph Cot chairmen of out-of-town groups who have previously cooperated with the Jubilee project, should be included in the Board of Directors. Among out-of-towners named were: Professor Morant of Greenwood, Mississippi, Dr. DeLaine f Greenville, Miss., Romeo Nunnally of Tupelo, Miss., Mack Stevens of Jackson, Tenn., and others to be named publicly later.

(World Memphis, Tenn.)

Among committee chairmen named were: Jubilee Committee, Nat D. Williams and Mrs. Mable Robinson, co-chairman publicity, Sam Brown and Nat Williams, Floats, Dr R Q Venson and Clifton Satterfield, Decorations and Dances: Robert Henry and Irby Fogleman; Parade: John Arnold; Transportation, Prof. R. H. Morris and Roosevelt Hicks. Other committee chairmen will be named at the next meeting of the Association, scheduled for Monday night, January 20 at Beale Avenue Auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

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Other officials of the Association include Robert Wright, treasurer, Clifton Saterfield, secretary and ten vice presidents, including Messrs Brittenum, Booth Young, Nunnelay, Delaine, Stevens, Johnson, Fogleman, Henry and Mesdames Venson and Stamms.

New Record Set For Negro Achievement Day At Fair

DALLAS—Many a school's assembly hall will be hushed in awe as school children who visited the State Fair of Texas Monday, October 13 tell of the many exhibits they viewed and the fun they had. Many a scrapbook will be bulging with information jotted down at the Fair or free materials they picked up there as the record crowd pushed to and fro in the jam packed grounds of the Fair. Everybody was footsore but happy as about midnight the crowd began filtering through the Fair gates bidding adieu to the State Fair and then and there vowing that they will be back in 1948.

As for attendance for Monday alone, it topped last years high by 26,862. With the two days being given this year, attendance was about 167,000. Monday's attendance was 130,762.

It was clearly evident from the groups and individuals you saw viewing the exhibits, taking notes, and discussing the various post war developments in sum that the visitors to the State Fair this year came to be entertained and informed. Here and there you saw groups under the supervision of an adult and then there were just individuals jotting down notes.

The day which was a jam packed one, in fact too full for one to enjoy any one entertainment as much as he desired, but one in which each individual seemingly tried to get enough of each activity as time would permit.

The day started with a huge parade of gaily bedecked cars headed by the Negro policemen of Dallas, Officers Brotherton and Thompson and followed by Fire Chief C. N. Penn, Mayor Jimmie Temple and Chief of Police Carl E. Hanifson.

Most of the days activities sponsored by the Negro Chamber of Commerce were unreeled on the steps of the Hall of State.

In the twins contest Albert Earl and Thomas Earl Rice, of Henderson won top honors in the 1 to 10 age group and with it the prize of $15. The comely 16-year-old Ina Bell and Nina Nell Daniels of Greenville took top prize in the 11 to 20 group with Velma and Thelma Lister of Dallas as runner-up. In the over 20 contest top honors went to Ruth and Ruby Williams of Dallas.

Exhibits Beat Yet

Elaborate agricultural display here post war machinery that will thrilled the most exacting There make farming as modern as any other occupation. Electrical exhibits made the weary housewives sigh a breath of relief and hum. "Dreams really do came true" as they viewed the post-war creations. Everything for the modern home was on parade. There were four electrical kitchens complete in every detail including radios, home laundries, air conditioning units, new recording machines such labor-saving and step saving devices as garbage disposal units, dishwashing machines, cabinets whose lights go on and off as doors are open and shut.

Crowds gasped and shudderes as Seldon, the Stratosphere man performed on the 225 ft sway pole. Really in that act, between the onlookers and Seldon, nobody was at ease but the mighty Seldon. It was breathtaking.

Crowds heard a good bit of mimicery as 'Willie' with the Variety show program gave impersonations of Jimmy Durante, the singers of 'Temptation' (hillbilly style) among others.

And Elsie, the cow, was there. With her was her son and her $35,000 doundoir. At the Health Museum the famed Bikini goats survivors of the history making bomb test on the South Pacific atoll, were the main attractions.

The Mighty Midway

The teaming group of Texas youngsters on Senior Day was no different from the group on Junior Day for there too enjoyed the bigger and better Midway.

This year there was a mile of it to send shivers down their spines and make their faces light up in joy. There was an estimated 32 rides.

There were many new attractions such as the rocket and bombers at which the visitors viewed cautiously for a while but finally these precautions were thrown to the wind and away and off they were.

And out from the concessionaries wafted the smell of hamburgers and friend chickens while side-show announcers told of their oddities and described them as being 'the only of its kind in the world'.

Waxahachie Gets State Fair Queen

As the crowning event of the hectic day Waxahachie's queen Miss Maurine McClain, won the beauty contest and was acclaimed the beauty queen of the State Fair of Texas. Along with this went the $30 cash prize and a loving cup. Janet Welsh, Fort Worth won second place and a prize of $20. All in all there were queens from fourteen Texas cities.

The first place chorus club prize was awarded to G. W. Jackson High school of Corsicana with Winnsboro high school, Wood County, Walking off with the second prize of $20. Dunbar High School, Ferris, Texas won third prize of $10.

Prairie View won the annual football game between Prairie View and Wiley 12-6. Each of the schools had their musical combinations and their majorettes put on an exhibition worth watching.

Boy, 12, Wins Texas Fair Prizes

TYLER, Texas—(ANP)—James Lawrence Smith, 12-year-old 4-H club boy of this city, won two prizes at the Texas State fair at Dallas last week. The lad's six-month-old registered pig was entered in the junior livestock division. The entry won the championship in the Poland China division, and the Reserve Grand championship among all contestants in the entire state of Texas.

John W. Carpenter, president of the Texas Power and Light company, bought the 225 pound barrow at $1.50 per pound and presented it to Texas college to encourage wider interest in the improvement of livestock.

Young James received also a $25 prize for his exhibit at the fair, bringing his total income to $862.50. His club work was supervised by B. J. Pryor, Negro county agent of Smith county.

Two other barrows were entered by another youth, Finnis L. Haggerty, under Pryor's direction. One was awarded second place and the other fifth place.

THROUGH THE YEARS

By FAY YOUNG

DALLAS—YOU'D A NEVER believed it if you hadn't witnessed it with your own eyes. Monday, Oct. 13, was "Negro day" at the Dallas State Fair which to us northerners means little. But to Texans and some folk from Oklahomey (meaning Oklahoma of course) it meant a whole lot. It is the day that everything in the state fair is "turned over" to Negroes.

This doesn't mean that Negroes can't go any other day. It simply means that on this day Negroes can go anywhere in the Fair Grounds and not be "Jim Crowed." It also means that the second Monday in October each year is virtually a holiday for Texans. Even the Negro schools close and everyone with the necessary amount of coin in his pockets hies off "to the fair."

FAY YOUNG

ONE COULD GO INTO the dining rooms, the cafes, the shows and everywhere else without any fear of being given "you can't come in here" look. There were 104,000 who passed through the turnstiles last year and when closing time came Monday night, the officials said there had been 130,762 people who had paid that day (afternoon and night) and the crowd was all Negro except maybe a "couple hundred" whites who came to see what it was all about.

The hot dog places, the fried chicken, pop and beer joints were jammed with lines of people forming outside waiting to spend their money. In the ballroom, 2,500 laid down $2.50 per head including federal tax, to hear Duke Ellington and his famous orchestra. A crowd of 30,000 watched Prairie View State Teachers eleven from South Texas defeat Wiley College from Marshall, in Northeast Texas, 12-0, in an exciting night game in the Cotton Bowl.

The ice cream and cola stands "sold out" long before closing time. Taxicabs did a "land office" business. It was six bits (75 cents to you) to ride to the Negro section in either North or South Dallas and five and six were jammed in a car.

The football fans sat in their shirt sleeves. The thermometer showed 98 in front of the Y at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and it was 80 when the ball was kicked to start the game.

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ALL OVER DALLAS THE flowers were blooming profusely. In the yards huge roses unfolded their petals early in the morning. And to think that this was October.

From all parts of Texas came the people to the Fair. Aunt Minnie in her glory, all decked up in store bought clothes, little Minnie Belle, Susie, Carrie, Lulu, and the two younger boys, dressed in blue demin trousers, came from the farm and rubbed elbows with "Mr. Harvey Whatyoumaycallhim" from up around Longview and others who owned oil wells around Tyler and Overton. Professional men from Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Texarkana, Corpus Christi and San Antonio all vied with those who live here. A Houston daily sent five automobiles full of Negro newsboys to the game.

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THE WHITE WAITRESSES in the dining rooms and cafes "jumped" to wait on those prosperous people and for one day in Texas, all citizens of the Lone Star state were given their lawful rights under the United States Constitution. One might say that the Fair administration would do a fine thing to call this "Freedom Day" instead of Negro day.

The mayor, the chief of police and the head of the fire department all rode in the morning parade which was led (believe it or not) by Dallas Negro policemen. There was an automobile given away at the Fair and there were prizes for the best choral group, the best set of twins in three different age groups. There were open house parties true to the tradition of the hospitality for which Dallas is known.